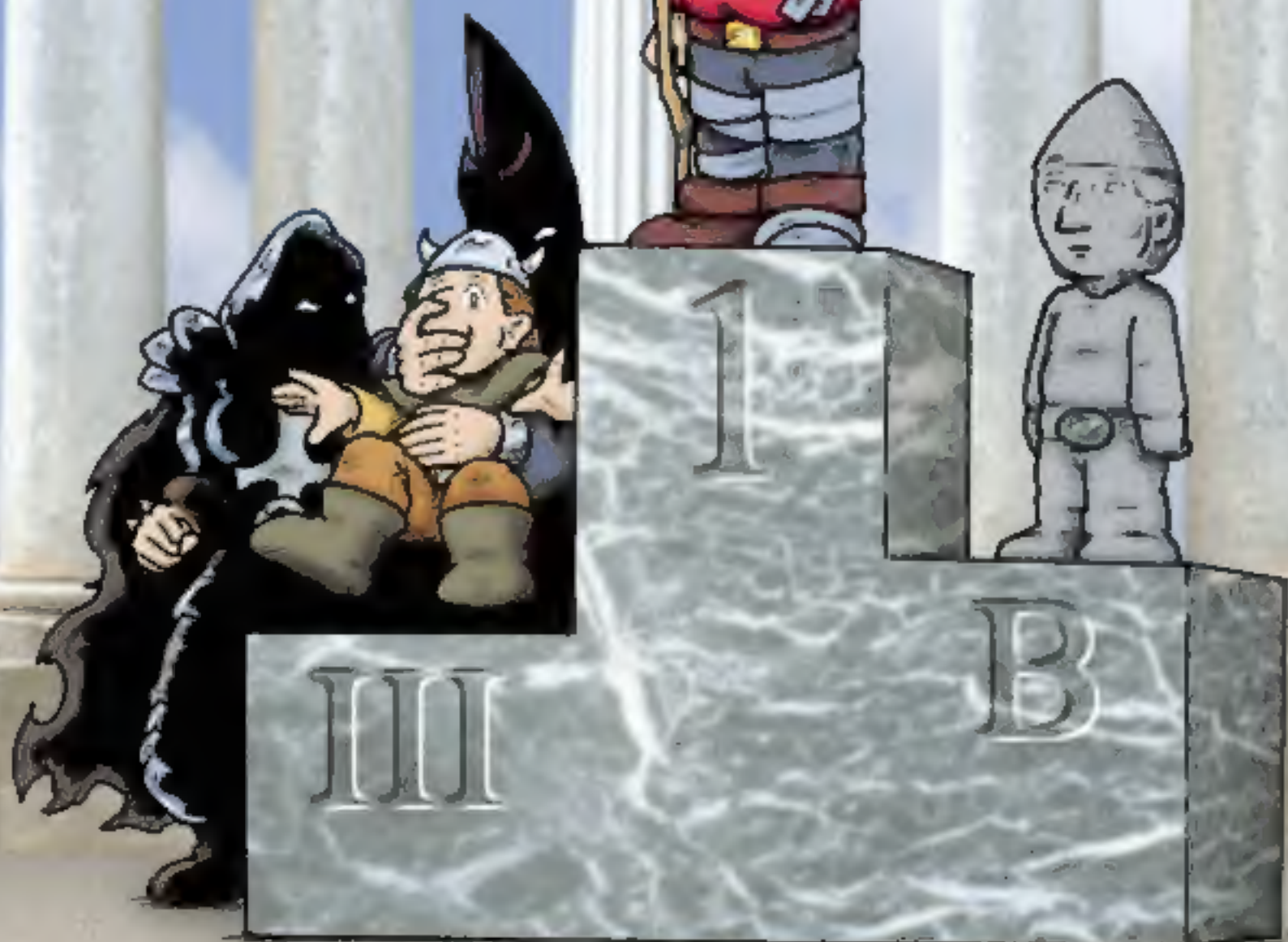




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## HENCHMEN'S LOCAL #246

"RE-ARRANGING THE WORLD, ONE SCHLEP AT A TIME"

I'M SORRY  
I MISSED THE UNION  
MEETING, HEATHWICK...

...BUT I  
WAS BUSY  
HAVING MY  
ARMS PUT  
BACK ON.

YOU'RE STILL  
WORKING WITH  
THAT CLERIC  
WHO USES  
DUCT TAPE TO  
RE-ASSEMBLE  
YOU, RIGHT?

UH,  
YEAH.

DID SHE PUT  
YOUR ARMS ON  
THE CORRECT  
SIDES OF YOUR  
BODY?

EVENTUALLY,  
YES... ANYWAY,  
DID I MISS  
MUCH?

NOT  
REALLY.  
WE JUST  
WENT OVER  
THE NEW  
HEALTH PLAN.

WHICH  
IS?

THIS.

THAT'S  
ALL? A LOUSY  
POTION OF  
HEALING?

ACTUALLY, IT'S CYANIDE.  
THE BOTTLE'S BEEN RECYCLED.







NO, THANKS.  
WATCHING A  
BUNCH OF HENCHMEN  
RUN AROUND ISN'T  
ALL THAT  
INTERESTING.

HOLD ON THERE,  
FRIEND! THE GAMES  
AREN'T PLAYED BY  
HENCHMEN, THEY'RE  
PLAYED WITH  
HENCHMEN!

YOU  
MEAN?

NO ONE WITH  
A HEART CONDITION  
IS ALLOWED TO SEE  
THE JAVELIN TOSS!

THAT SOUNDS  
LIKE A DEBASEMENT  
OF HUMAN  
BEINGS THAT APPEALS TO THE WORST  
PART OF THE SPECTATOR'S CARNAL  
LUSTS, ALL THE WHILE DEGRADING  
SUPPORT FOR VALID FORMS OF  
ENTERTAINMENT...

IS THERE  
A DISCOUNT  
FOR KIDS?

YOU BET! THEY  
ALSO GET FREE  
TOTE BAGS!



I CAN'T BELIEVE  
YOU VOLUNTEERED FOR  
THIS, NODWICK! THE GUYS  
ARE SO HAPPY THAT YOU'RE  
GOING TO HELP THEM WIN  
THE 500 GOLD PIECE PRIZE  
FOR THE ORPHANAGE!

ALL 500  
OF IT, HUH?

EVENT  
REGISTRATION  
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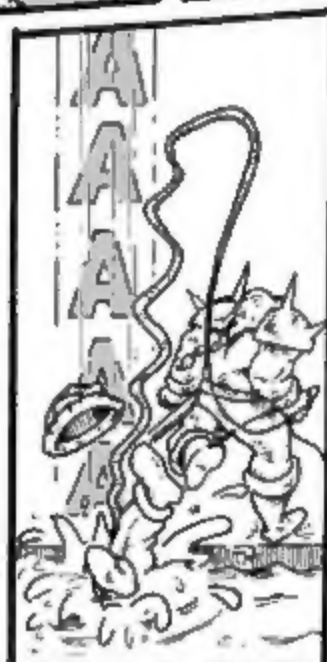
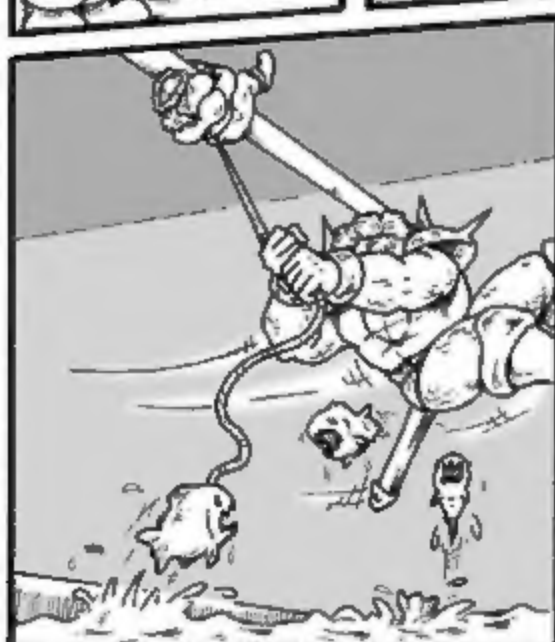
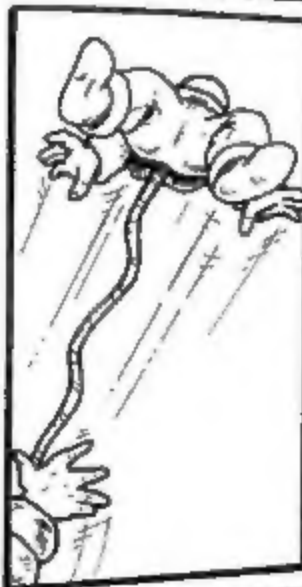
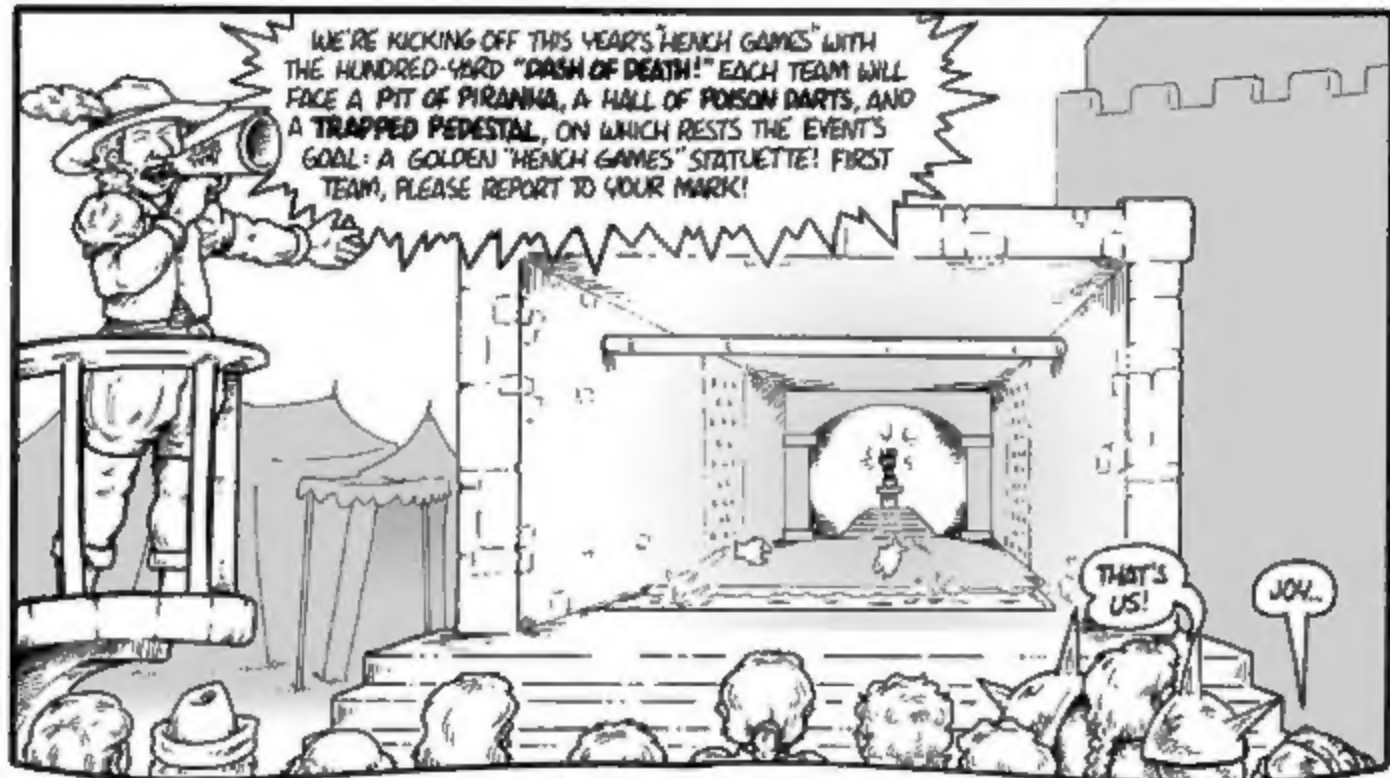
NOW, AS YOUR  
PERSONAL TRAINER,  
I NEED TO KNOW  
HOW YOU'RE  
FEELING.

LIKE A  
SHEEP IN A  
FRATERNITY  
HOUSE!

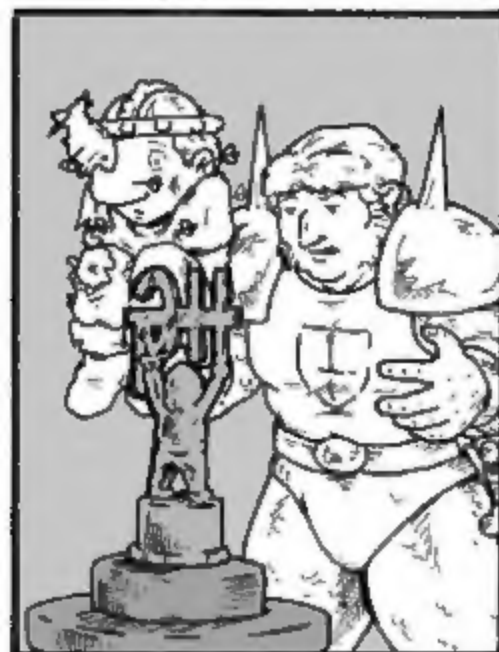
OKAY, NODWICK!  
IT'S TIME FOR  
THE FIRST EVENT.  
LET'S ROCK!



WE'RE KICKING OFF THIS YEAR'S "HENCH GAMES" WITH THE HUNDRED-YARD "DASH OF DEATH!" EACH TEAM WILL FACE A PIT OF PIRANHA, A HALL OF POISON DARTS, AND A TRAPPED PEDESTAL, ON WHICH RESTS THE EVENT'S GOAL: A GOLDEN "HENCH GAMES" STATUETTE! FIRST TEAM, PLEASE REPORT TO YOUR MARK!







CHRON, NOD,  
THE SHOW'S  
OVER.

KLUNK!

CLICK!  
CLICK!  
CLICK!  
CLICK!

CRRUMMBLE

THERE'S SOMETHING  
SPECIAL ABOUT THE FIRST  
HENCHMAN EXTRACTION  
OF THE YEAR...

DO YOU HEAR  
A MUFFLED VOICE  
CALLING, "HEALTH  
PLAN"?

LATER...

NO TEAM HAS  
EVEN COME CLOSE TO  
BEATING OUR TIME!

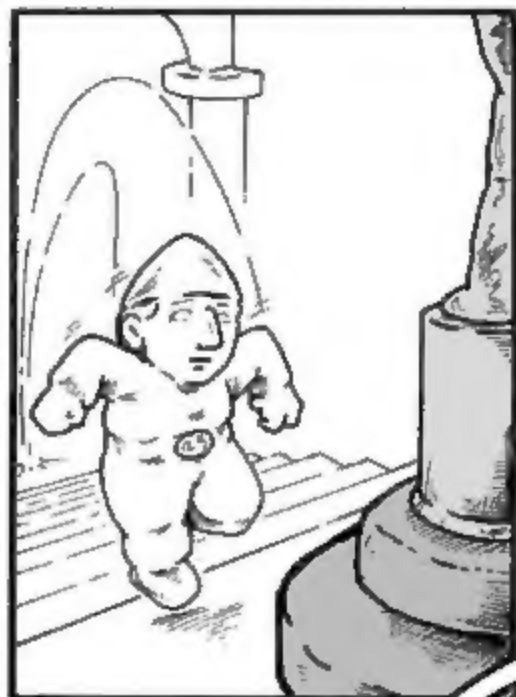
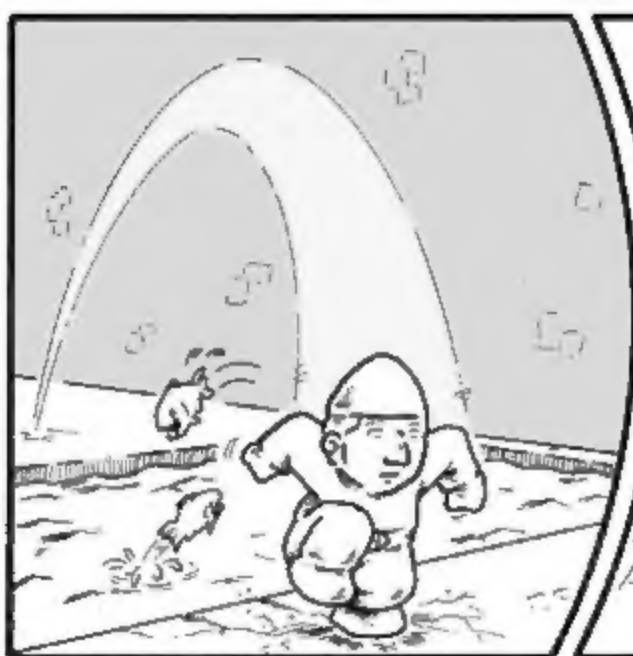
PROBABLY BECAUSE  
THEY BELIEVE IN  
HUMAN RIGHTS.

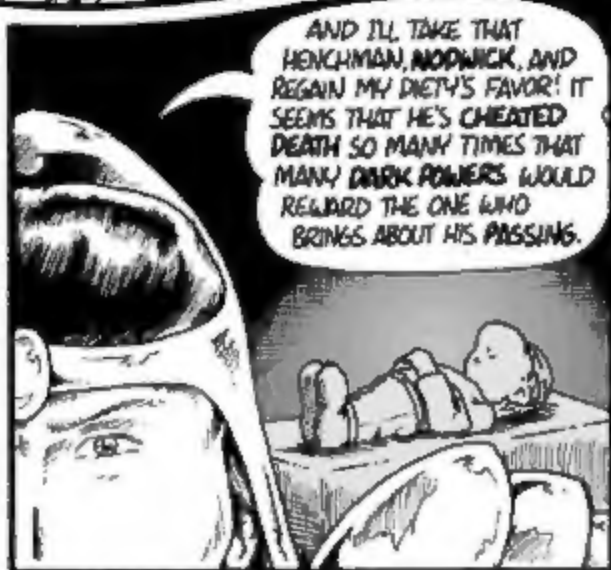
HEY, YEAGAR...  
WHO'S THAT?

I DUNNO. I  
DON'T THINK HE'LL  
LAST TEN SECONDS  
WITHOUT SOME  
ADVENTURERS  
WITH HIM.

I'M GETTING  
SOME NOT-  
NICE VIBES  
FROM HIM...







FINALLY, WHEN I REGAIN MY UNHOLY SUPREMACY, I'LL RESTORE OUR WARRIOR-FRIEND TO LIFE...

ALONG WITH A FEW ABILITIES HE NEVER EVEN DREAMED OF HAVING!



OH-HHHH, GOLLY GOSH...



GOLLY-GOSH NAUGHTY UN-GOOD PEOPLE DOING YUCKY-GROSS STUFF PLANNING BADNESS AND OOKY DEEDS NAUGHTYNAUGHTYNAUGHTY!!



ARTIK! WHERE ARE YEAGAR AND NODWICK?

THEY'RE COMPETING IN THE SHOT-CATAPULT. OUR HENCHMAN IS MORE AERODYNAMIC THAN WE THOUGHT!



REMEMBER THE NASTY ADVENTURERS WE SENT INTO TIME-OUT ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO?

WHY, YES! I OFTEN MULL OVER THAT TALE! IN FACT, I WISH I HAD IT IN A PRINTED FORM, ABOUT THIRTY-TWO PAGES LONG, WITH PICTURES, CLEVER DRAWINGS, AND EVEN A LETTERS PAGE. I'D BUY AS MANY COPIES AS I COULD FOR ABOUT THREE SILVER EACH! THEY'D BE A GREAT GIFT FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES! WHY DO YOU ASK?



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THEY'RE HERE!! THAT HENCHMAN COMPETING BY HIMSELF IS THEIR GOLEM! THEY WANNA TAKE OVER THE UNION, GET RICH, GET THEIR POWERS BACK, MAKE THEIR DEAD FIGHTER NOT-DEAD AND KICKER, AND THEY'RE GONNA SACRIFICE NODWICK TO AN EVIL GOD!!!



WHAT?! THEY'RE GOING TO GET RICH?

COME ON! WE HAVE TO TELL THE OTHERS!







ATTENTION! WILL ALL CONTESTANTS STILL CAPABLE OF WALKING PLEASE REPORT TO FIELD "C" FOR THE HAMMER TOSS!



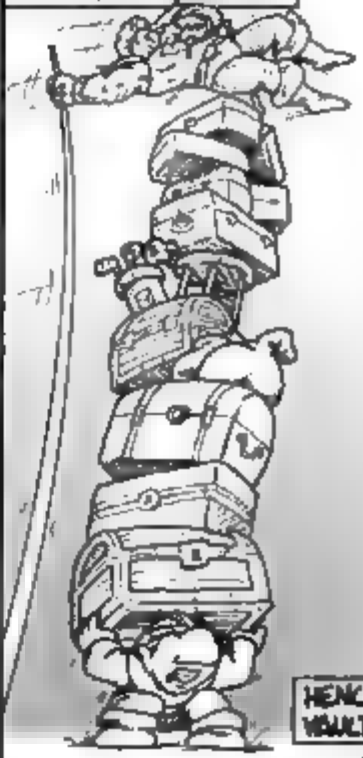
C'MON NODWICK! LET'S GO FOR THE GOLD!

UM, I DON'T THINK I CAN THROW A HAMMER VERY FAR...

YOU WON'T THROW THEM; YOU'LL CATCH THEM!

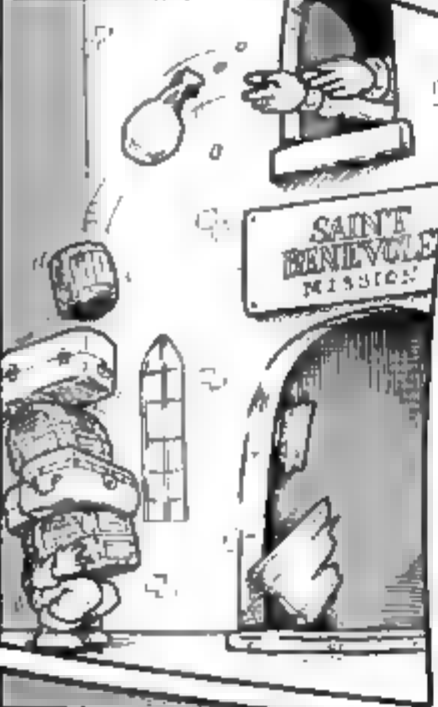


MORE EVENTS FOLLOWED...



HENCH VENTURING

SYNCHRONIZED LOOTING



THE ZOO-YARD BATTERING RAM



HIGH SEAS PILLAGING



DODGE-CURSE



TRAPPED CHEST HANDLING



THE DASH-WITH-CASH-A-THON





LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GONNA WIN THIS ONE! OUR EVIL PALS CAN'T COMPETE WHILE DRAGGING THAT ANIMATED TOMBSTONE!

DON'T COUNT ON IT. THE GOLEM IS SURROUNDED BY A NEW MAGIC AURA. I THINK HE'S BEING LEVITATED.

MORE CHEATING!

ACCORDING TO WHAT FEW RULES THE GAMES HAVE, THEY'RE MERELY BEING INNOVATIVE.

IS THERE ANYTHING PROHIBITED HERE?!

ON YOUR MARKS... GET SET...

"THE USE OF PAIN KILLERS BY HENCHMEN IS FORBIDDEN."

IT FIGURES.

**GO!**

ARTAX!  
THE OTHER CARPETS ARE ALREADY OVER THE ROOFTOPS!

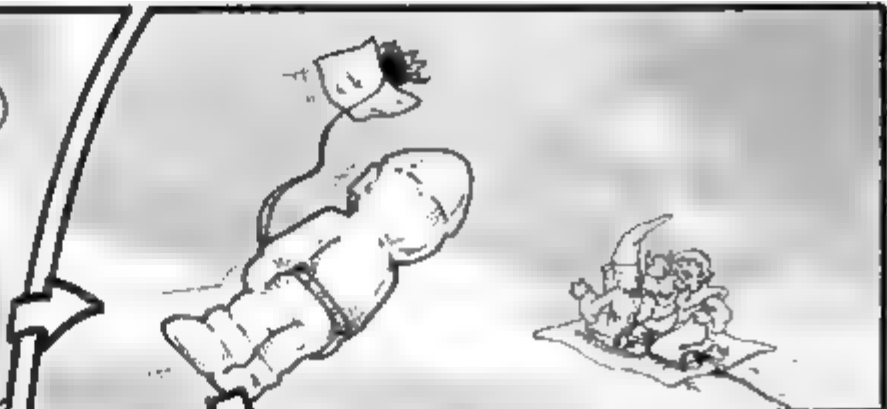
AMATEURS! REAL CARPET JOCKEYS KNOW THAT YOU PICK UP SPEED FIRST, THEN YOU GO FOR LIFT!

IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE IN THE CROWD THINKS YOU'RE TOO LOW...

**ALTITUDE!!  
AL-TI-FRICKIN'-TUDE!!!**

WE NEED  
TO NARROW THE  
FIELD A BIT.

HERE'S YOUR  
CHANCE. BANK LEFT...  
NOW!!



WHOCK!



NOT  
BAD!

I WISH WE'D  
BEEN HIGHER; I THINK  
THEY SURVIVED!



SOMEONE'S  
GAINING ON  
US!

HOW?

I THINK  
CARPETS WITH NO  
PASSENGERS FLY  
FASTER!



SH, NODWICK?

YES, ZAGWICK?

THESE CARPETS  
DON'T RUN OUT OF  
FUEL OR ANYTHING,  
DO THEY?

I DON'T  
THINK SO.

AH, WELL,  
I'LL BE SEEING  
YOU, THEN.

I HOPE  
YOU'LL BE  
ALL RIGHT...



I SHOULD BE I'M  
GETTING PAID BY  
THE MILE.



BEGEY AT SEVEN O'CLOCK.

LET THEM COME.

SO, YOU LIKE TO PLAY ROUGH, EH?

YOU'RE ABOUT TO LOSE THE DAMAGE DEPOSIT ON YOUR CARPET!

I DOUBT THAT, HALF-WIT!

I SUPPOSE NO ONE CHECKED TO MAKE SURE YOUR CARPET WASN'T RIGGED TO UN-RAVEL BEFORE YOU TOOK OFF, YES?

WHAT IS SHE--?

LOOK!

GREAT... NOW THEY'RE GOING TO BE HACKED OFF, AND THEY'VE GOT A TRAIL LEADING RIGHT TO ME...

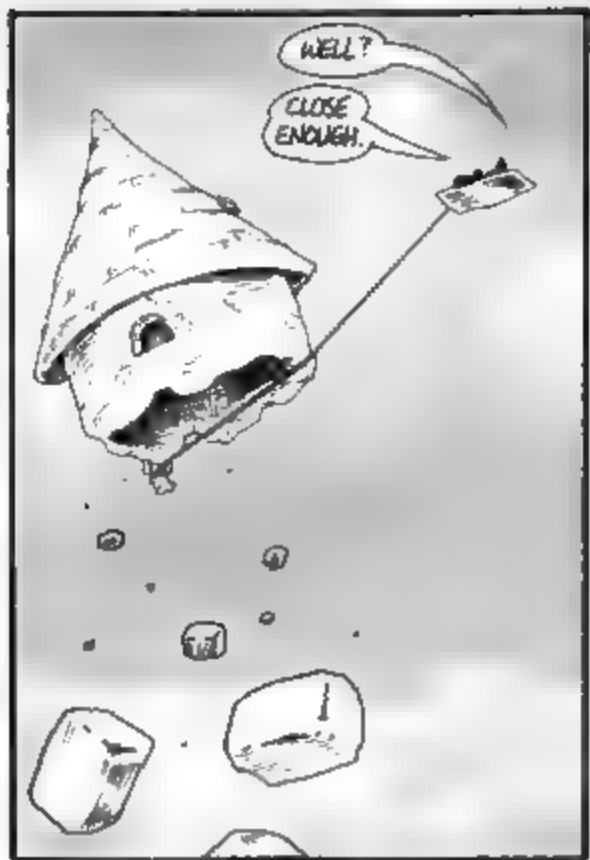
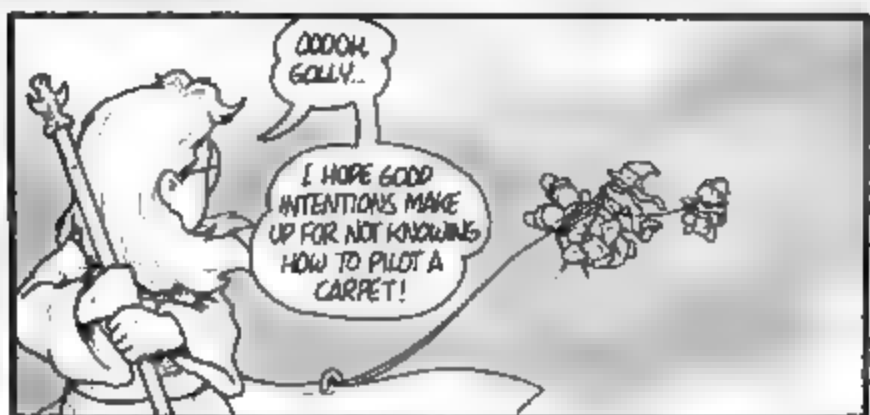
UNLESS ONE OF YOU BROUGHT A LOOM ALONG, YOU SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR A NICE PLACE TO SPLATTER YOURSELVES!

THAT WAS AMUSING

NOW, FOR THE FINALE!

GUNGS!  
IN, I SAY, IN-COMING!!









HODWICK! USE  
THE SPHERE! MAYBE  
THE GOLEM WILL LET GO  
OF THE TOWER!



THE SPHERE  
WAS A DUD,  
ARTAX!

NOT REALLY...  
THE LARGEST  
MAGIC FIELD  
WAS NEGATED.



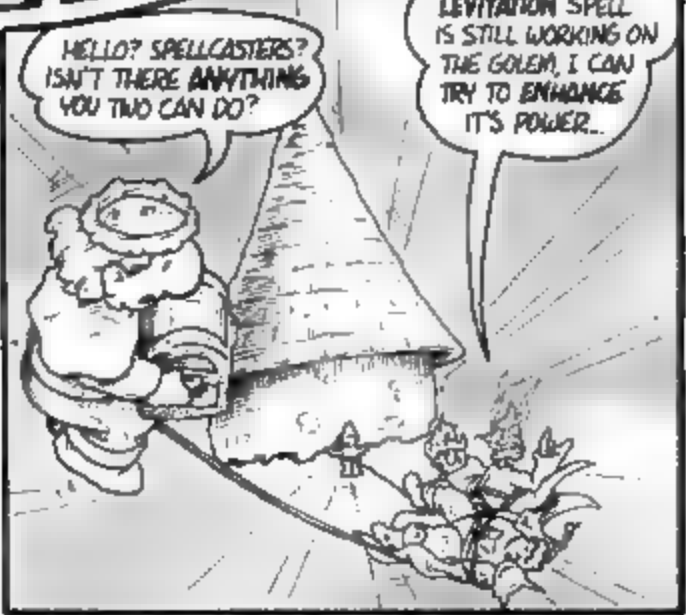
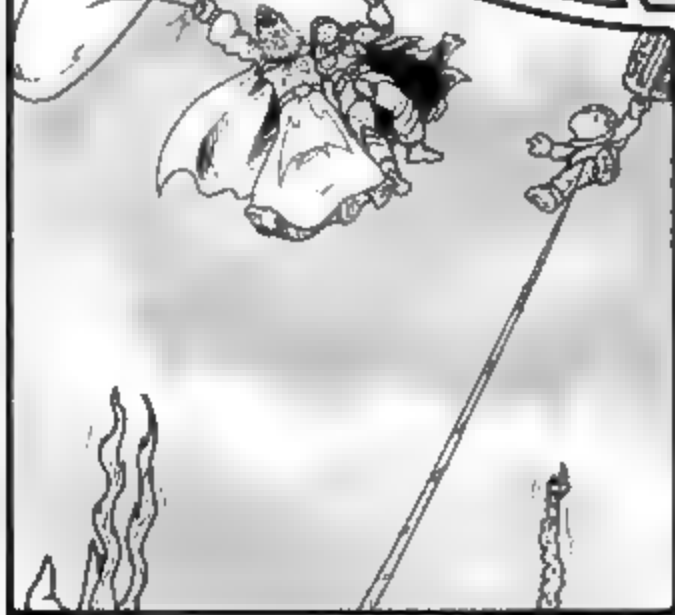
BUT I'M  
AFRAID IT  
BELONGED  
TO THE  
CARPETS.  
NOW WE'RE  
FALLING  
EVEN  
FASTER.

OOPS.



WE'LL  
WIN THE  
GAMES YET!  
MY RING OF  
GERONIMO WILL  
SEE US SAFELY  
TO THE GROUND.

...WHERE WE'LL TAKE  
THE CHEST FROM  
YOUR BROKEN CORPSES!  
ENJOY YOUR TRIP!!



HELLO? SPELLCASTERS?  
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING  
YOU TWO CAN DO?

WAIT! IF THAT  
LEVITATION SPELL  
IS STILL WORKING ON  
THE GOLEM, I CAN  
TRY TO ENHANCE  
IT'S POWER.



HERE  
GOES  
NOTHING!



THOSE  
FOOLS ARE  
EVEN MORE  
RESOURCEFUL  
THAN I HAD  
IMAGINED!



I'VE EASED  
BACK ON THE  
THROTTLE, BUT  
WE STILL HAVE  
A PROBLEM...



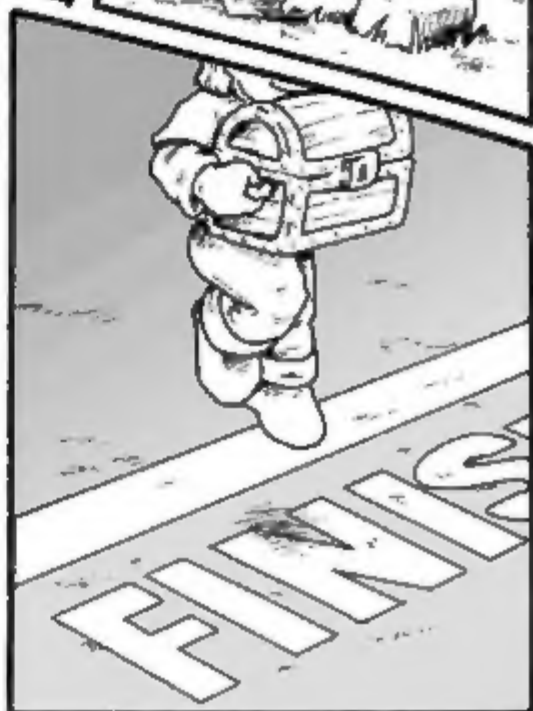
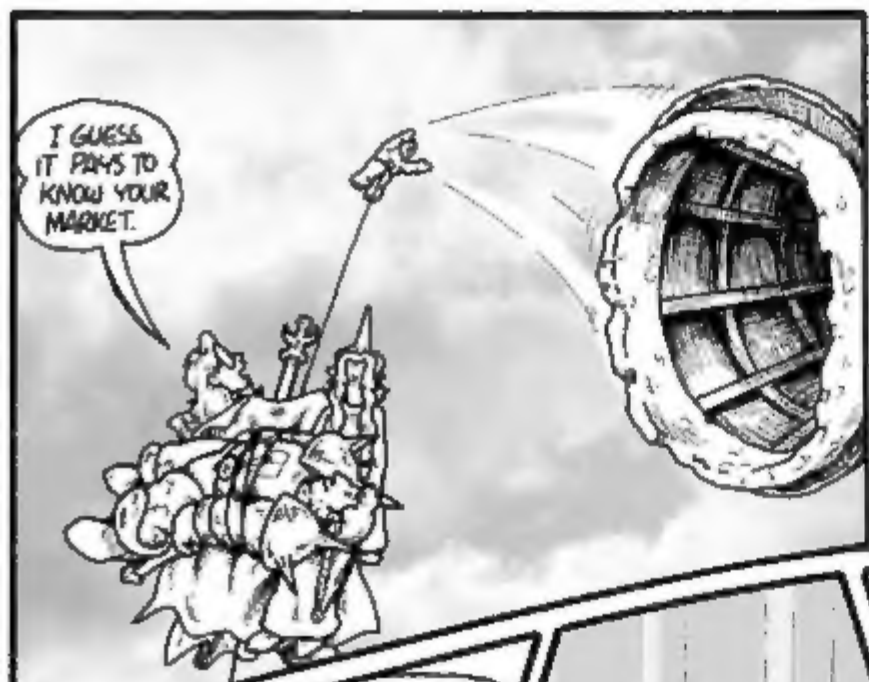
THE SPELL  
WILL BREAK  
UNDER THE  
STRAIN IF  
WE DON'T  
LOSE SOME  
WEIGHT, FAST!

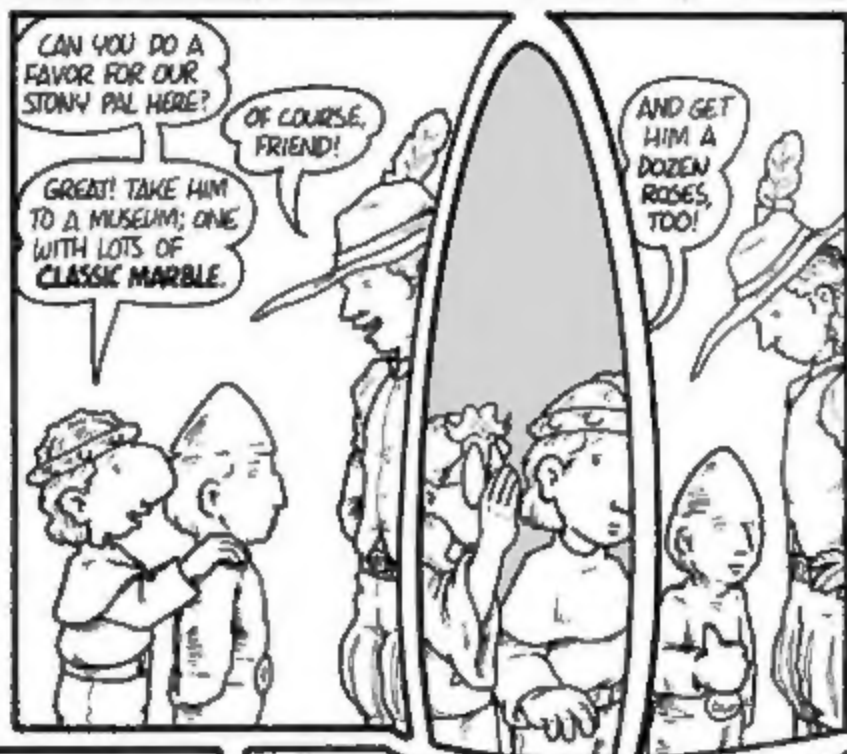
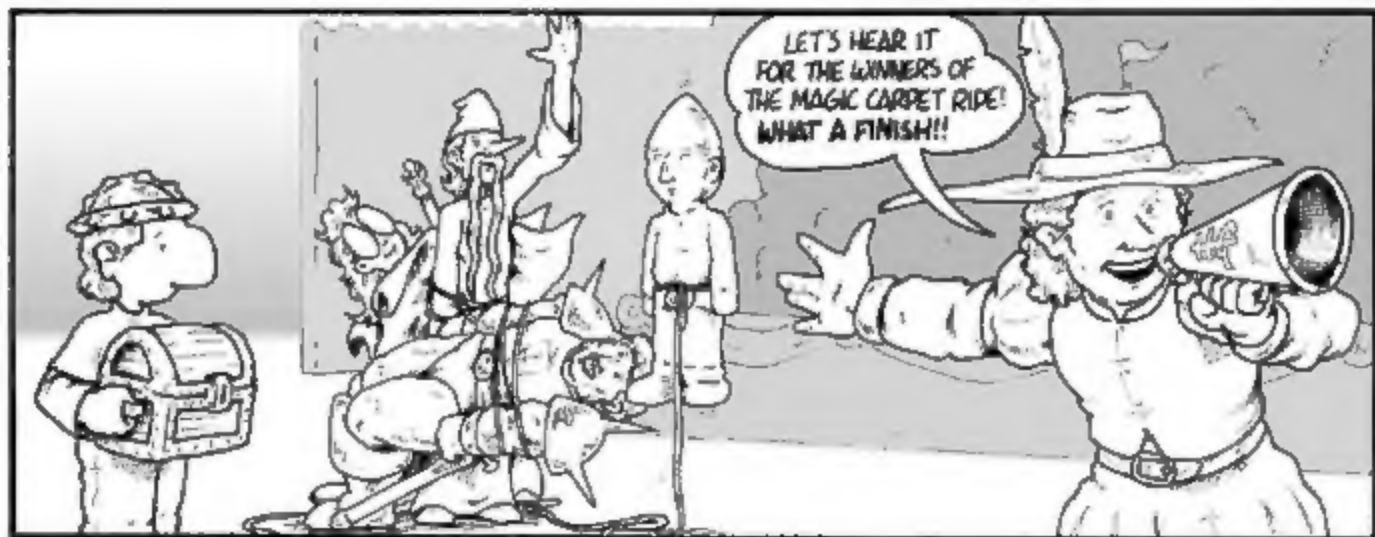
UH, MISTER GOLEM?  
I KNOW THAT WE'VE BEEN  
KIND OF ON OPPOSING SIDES  
FOR MOST OF OUR RELATIONSHIP,  
BUT I THINK THAT WE MIGHT  
HAVE A COMMON GOAL  
HERE. SEEING AS WE'LL  
BOTH BE DASHED TO BITS  
IF YOU DON'T LET GO OF  
THE TOWER, COULD WE  
DECLARE A TRUCE FOR  
THE TIME BEING? C'MON,  
BUDDY! DROP THAT LOAD  
OF ROCKS AND LET'S GO  
GET SOME SUDS, OKAY?



LOSE THE  
TOWER AND I'LL  
INTRODUCE YOU  
TO THE VENUS  
DE MILD!













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